

**AUBURN URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MINUTES**

**October 12, 2009  
REGULAR SESSION**

The Regular Session of the Auburn Urban Development Authority was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California on Monday, October 12, 2009 at 7:55 p.m. with Chair J. M. Holmes presiding and Secretary Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Authority Members Present:** Keith Nesbitt, Kevin Hanley, Bill Kirby, Bridget Powers, J. M. Holmes

**Authority Members Absent:**

**Staff Members Present:** Executive Director Robert Richardson, Authority Counsel Michael Colantuono, Administrative Services/Finance Director Andy Heath, Public Works Director Jack Warren

1. **Public Comment**

None

2. **Jury Parking Lot Project Phase 2 & 3 – Permission to Advertise**

Public Works Director Jack Warren introduced the item. He said the project was divided into phases and Phase #1 was completed. He said there will not be substantial excavation which will allow winter work when it is not raining. He said Phase #2 and #3 is the lighting contract and two inch asphalt overlay. He said the Public Works Department will add curb stops when the project is complete.

Council questions and comments followed regarding (1) coordination with the Farmers' Market (2) project budget (3) the lighting plan (4) asphalt overlay standard (5) availability of lot for use by holiday shoppers and (6) consideration of additional lighting from Maple Street parking lot to the upper lot.

Bob Snyder, 100 Marina Ave., Auburn, encouraged the Board to have the Public Works Department study the area between the two parking lots. He said it may require more than one light. He said it would allow employees to get safely to their cars so they do not take up the parking spaces in Old

spaces in Old Town.

Elaine Smith, area resident, questioned "light pollution" in the area. Mayor Holmes advised that it will be "down-lighting."

By **MOTION**

- A. Find that the Jury Parking Lot Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) subject to Section 15301 (Existing Facilities); Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction); and Section 15311 (Accessory Structures); and
- B. Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for the Jury Parking Lot Project. **MOTION: Nesbitt/Hanley/Approved 5:0**

3. **Ad Hoc Streetscape History and Art Advisory Committee**

Authority Chair Holmes announced that Authority Member Nesbitt has been appointed to chair the Streetscape History and Art Advisory Committee.

Executive Director Richardson announced that the available positions were noticed and advertised in the newspaper. He said thirteen applicable applications were received. He said the Authority may select five at-large members from the applicants or extend the application period. He said the Old Town Business Association's (OTBA) and Arts Commission's recommendations for membership will be forthcoming.

Authority Chair Holmes asked for Streetscape Committee Chair Nesbitt's opinion regarding approving two other members in addition to the at-large members. He said Michael Otten's application to fill the seat of the Placer County Historical Society has been received. He said an application from Teri Gibson to fill the seat of the Downtown Business Association (DBA) has also been received. Chair Nesbitt responded, noting that there is a formality regarding the acceptance of the named applicants.

Authority Member Nesbitt stated that the United Auburn Indian Community should be represented on the Streetscape Committee if Auburn's complete history is to be told. He said the Tribe is very excited about having a member on the committee. He said Dave Keyser has submitted an application. He appealed to the Authority to expand the Committee to twelve members to include membership of the United Auburn Indian Community. Council Member Kirby concurred.

Authority Member Kirby questioned if a letter from the Historical Society had been received recommending Mr. Otten. Authority Chair Holmes said that Mr. Otten had consulted with members of the Historical Society Board. Authority Member Nesbitt said that he would like each group to put its

put its member recommendation in writing.

Council Member Hanley suggested that each Authority member name his/her selection for at-large membership.

Chair Holmes suggested that the issue of adding a seat for the United Auburn Indian Community be addressed first.

Elaine Smith, applicant for Streetscape Committee, stated that she was rejected because she is not a City resident. She questioned why the UAIC appointment would be open to a non-resident.

Authority Chair Holmes and Authority Member Nesbitt explained that some of the seats are open to non-residents. Members selected by the DBA, OTBA, Arts Commission, Endurance Committee and Historical Society do not need to be Auburn residents. Mr. Nesbitt said the UAIC had simply been overlooked. He explained another member at-large was not being added, simply another committee category.

Jeff Bryan, 15380 Pear Valley Lane, Auburn (outside the City limits), brought up the point that his application was denied even though he had a business within the City for 58 years and had lived within the City at one time.

Authority Chair Holmes reiterated that Committee members can draw upon people who have a long history in the community. He explained that when the Committee was formed, the Authority wanted to be certain that there was representation from City residents. He said input to the Committee from people from the entire area will be encouraged.

Authority Member Nesbitt said there will be numerous sub-committees that will be working on the Streetscape Project. He said he envisioned many more people working on the Streetscape project, although there will be only twelve voting members. He said there are no residency requirements for those who work on the sub-committees.

By **RESOLUTION 09-12** add a seat for the United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) to the membership of the Ad Hoc Streetscape History and Art Advisory Committee. **MOTION: Hanley/Powers/Approved 5:0**

By **MOTION** appoint David Keyser to represent the UAIC; Michael Offen, the Placer County Historical Society and; Teri Gibson, the DBA. **MOTION: Nesbitt/Powers/Approved 5:0**

Chair Holmes announced that the Arts Commission, the OTBA and the Endurance Committee are expected to have their recommendations to the Authority prior to the next AUDA meeting.

Authority Member and Streetscape Committee Chair Keith Nesbitt said that he appreciated all the applications for appointment and the enthusiasm the public has shown for the Streetscape Project. He supported Authority Member Hanley's suggestion that each Authority member submit the name of an applicant for Board approval.

The following names were submitted:

Cynthia Haynes	Authority Member Nesbitt
Michael Emmert	Authority Member Hanley
Kristina Perry	Authority Member Powers
Chris Packard	Authority Member Kirby
Dan Sokol	Authority Chair Holmes

Jeff Bryan stated that, although he respected the Authority's thoughts about the inclusion of City residents on the Committee and the UAIC appointment, six generations have impacted the town and have not all resided within the City limits. He asked for the Authority to reconsider its residency requirement.

Chair Holmes assured Mr. Bryan that all interested people, no matter where they reside, will have the opportunity to contribute to the Committee. Authority Member Kirby said there is nothing to exclude anyone in the community from attending meetings and providing input to the voting members. Authority Member Nesbitt invited anyone who wants to participate in the process to attend the meetings and get involved in the work groups.

Council Member Hanley stated that the California Culture and Tourism Agency's website lists various publications on how a City can integrate historical elements into its features. He suggested that it may be beneficial for the Committee.

By **MOTION** approve the appointments of Cynthia Haynes, Michael Emmert, Kristina Perry, Chris Packard and Dan Sokol as members at-large. **MOTION: Hanley/Powers/Approved 5:0**

Chair Holmes announced that the Committee is "work in progress" and that the Authority will try to be as flexible as possible to make certain that all suggestions and ideas are heard so that the final resolution will have full community agreement.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Holmes, without objection, adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

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J. M. Holmes, Chair

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Joseph G. R. Labrie, Secretary

